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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>  Address to: Mail Stop ____ Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	IRVN-007CIP2
	Confirmation No.	4815
	First Named Inventor	GATANAGA, TETSUYA
	Application Number	09/700,354
	Filing Date	November 13, 2000
	Group Art Unit	1646
	Examiner Name	MURPHY, JOSEPH F.
	Title:	METHOD FOR PRODUCING TNF RECEPTOR RELEASING ENZYME

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, for which a response is due August 20, 2003. Applicants hereby Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, making this response timely filed on or before November 20, 2003.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.